

Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot: The Basics

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Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver (01/01/2016 – 12/31/2020)

- STC Paragraphs 110 - 126
- Attachments under development :
WPC Pilot Requirements & Metrics (MM)
WPC Pilot Requirements & Application Process (HH)
WPC Reporting & Evaluation (GG)

Focus

- Bring together county systems, health plans and providers in order to improve health service delivery, coordination and outcomes to high risk, high cost populations.
- This is achieved through working together (infrastructure, data sharing, coordination, etc.)

Who can apply? Funding?

- Competitive process – county is the lead entity
- \$300M per year for 5 years statewide
- Local match requirement - annually for 5 years
- Project Year (PY) 1 has started

Who must participate?

- County Health AND County Mental Health
- Need (1) more county entity – ADS, DHA, Probation, etc.
- Need at least (1) health plan, likely (2) in GMC
- Need (2) other partners with significant experience serving the target population such as a hospital system, physician group, clinic.

What are the pilots expected to do?

- Identify the target population
- Share data between systems
- Coordinate care in real time
- Evaluate individual and population progress

Strategies

- Increase integration among county agencies, health plans, and providers
- Increase coordination and appropriate access to care
- Reduce inappropriate emergency and inpatient utilization
- Improve data collection and sharing local entities

- Achieve benchmarks by project year
- Improve health outcomes

Target populations can include:

- Repeated incidents of avoidable care
- Two or more chronic conditions
- Mental Health and/or substance use disorders
- Who are currently experiencing homelessness; and/or
- At risk of homelessness

Pilot Payments Support

- Infrastructure to integrate services among local entities that serve a target population
- Services not otherwise covered or directly reimbursable
- Strategies to improve integration

WPC does not:

- Increase services
- Provide payments for services otherwise reimbursable
- Pay for housing

Sacramento County Issues

- Need for a local match
- More aligned for public hospital or local initiative counties
- Resource intensive, learning collaborative methodology
- New initiatives in other areas at the same time

Next Steps

- Release and review of attachments